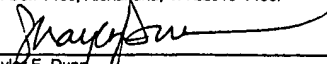


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1. I, Venkataramaiah Ravishankar was Director of Marketing for Tekelec's IP7 product line from 1999 to 2001.
2. I have reviewed the email from Pete Marsico dated July 26, 2000 discussing sales of Tekelec's IP7 product line.
3. The sales referenced in the email correspond to Tekelec's IP7 Secure Gateway and IP7 Edge products.
4. The sales referenced in the email occurred in the normal manner in the telecommunications industry involving RFIs, RFQs, and written responses thereto.

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